Subject No. 43.

Water-supply for Bangalore Town.

Summary of discussion.—The question of the water-supply for Bangalore Town has been long hanging fire and requires early settlement. It is in a way connected with a similar question for the Assigned Tract. The Government of India should therefore be moved again and pressed for early orders. Here is a petition which people desire to be presented to Government. *Vide* Appendix F.

Dewan's reply.—We hope the Government of India will come to an early decision on the question of Sankey's Reservoir, and we shall write again about it.

Subject No. 44.

A loan of 5 lakhs of rupees required for Bangalore City Improvements.

Summary of discussion.—The town is badly in want of drainage and water-supply works, and other works of permanent utility. These cannot be carried out from current revenue or savings of past years. A grant of 5 lakhs of rupees is therefore desired by the Municipality..

Mr. Sambasiva Iyer (Representative from Bangalore City Municipality) pointed out that these permanent works for the improvement of the health and sanitation of the town were all the more necessary, as owing to the proximity of the Town to the British Cantonment in the Assigned Tract, it was particularly necessary to attain a high standard at an early date and to maintain it. It will be idle to fear the cost and wait till the necessary funds accumulate from savings in current revenue. They have been doing so in Madras for the widening of the Mint Street for instance and for carrying out similar improvements in the Black Town, and these works still remain in arrears.

Dewan.—Can the Municipality satisfy Government that it will be able to pay a fair interest on such a loan, and repay the loan itself in reasonable time?

Mr. Hart.—But the importance of the City requires help from Government in the shape of a grant. A great deal has been done for Mysore, and we ask that Bangalore may also be similarly favored.

Dewan's reply.—That is because Mysore was so long neglected. But give us a regular forecast programme of the works proposed to be carried out from the grant and we shall carefully consider the proposal. Government also is not satisfied that you have developed your resources sufficiently and that you have taxed yourselves to a reasonable extent. Try and do this first.

(NOTE.—See also Dewan's reply in Subject No. 57 *post*).